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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIAN FERTILIZER COMPLEX

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH REQUEST IN REFTEL, USDOC AGAIN
CONTACTED AGRICO AND GRACE TO DISCUSS SUBJECT PROJECT.
2. GRACE STATES IT HAS NO INTEREST IN PROJECT EVEN IF
POTENTIAL PARTNERSHIP WITH JAPANESE OR DUTCH FALLS THROUGH,

EVEN IF IBRD DECIDES TO PROVIDE SOME FINANCING, EVEN IF

FMG DECIDES UNDERTAKE DEVELOPMENT WITH ITS OWN RESOURCES.
FIRM CLAIMS VENTURE UNLIKELY TO BE ECONOMICALLY SUCCESSFUL.
ACCORDING GRACE, WORLD MARKET ALREADY SATURGED WITH
FERTILIZER. COMPANY SPOKESMAN OFFERED OPINION - THAT
OPERATION COULD ONLY BE COMPETITIVE IF FEEDSTOCK WERE
PROVIDED AT 15 TO 30 CENTS/THOUSAND CUBIC FEET. EVEN ON
THAT BASIS, HE EXPRESSED DOUBTS ABOUT "COMPETING ON WORLD
MARKET AGAINST COUNTRIES LIKE RUSSIA WHERE THEY DON'T EVEN
HAVE TO KEEP BOOKS."

3. AGRICO POSITION MORE NONCOMMITTAL. COMPANY
REPRESENTATIVE INDICATED FIRM WOULD INVESTIGATE
SITUATION AGAIN AND NOTIFY USDOC IF IT DECIDED TO PURSUE
MATTER OR SEND REPRESENTATIVES TO NIGERIA. EMBASSY WILL
BE INFORMED AS SOON AS AGRICO INDICATES ITS INTENTIONS.
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